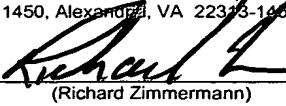


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IMAGE**

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The listed document is a copy of a manual entitled "Visual Quickstart Guide: Photoshop for Windows and Macintosh," which was published in 2001. The manual was published in connection with Version 6 of the software program, Photoshop, which was commercially available in 2000 to the best of Applicant's knowledge. The examiner's attention is directed, in particular, to the portions of the manual regarding patterns, layers, and masks, including without limitation: pp. 175-176, Chapter 7 ("Layers"), Chapter 14 ("More Layers"), and Chapter 15 ("Masks"). The information presented in these and other chapters of the manual teach, among other things, a process by which layers of images may be combined. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that the information presented in the

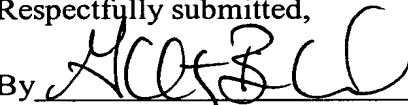
manual fails to teach the production of composite background, foreground, and interior images via interlacing where respective portions thereof may be deleted to form specialized images and create a multiple composite image, as recited in the claims.

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